

REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended to recite that adding less than 75 of 100 parts by weight of a particulate component having a mean size of more than 100 μ m in the longest dimension to more than 25 of 100 parts by weight of an enzyme or an enzyme and granulating agent. Support for this amendment is found in the specification at page 9, lines 21-23. New claims 42 and 43 are added and are supported by original claim 1 and the specification at page 9, lines 21-23.

It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment presents no new issues or new matter and places this case in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is requested.

I. The Rejection of Claims 1, 4-16 and 33-41 under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1, 4-16 and 33-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as allegedly anticipated by Herrman et al.

Applicants respectfully submit that for the reasons previously presented in Applicant's prior responses, Herrman et al. does not anticipate the claims. However, Herrman et al. also does not teach "adding less than 75 of 100 parts by weight of a particulate component having a mean size of more than 100 μ m in the longest dimension to more than 25 of 100 parts by weight of an enzyme or an enzyme and granulating agent."

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the claims overcome this rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance. Early action to that end is respectfully requested. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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